



Middletown Committee for the Arts

Minutes

Monday, July 11, 2011 at 5:45PM

Middletown Public Library, West Main Rd., Middletown, RI 02842

Those in attendance: Linda Phelan, Chair; Amy Cordeiro, Vice-Chair; Diane Andrews, Diana Skaggs, Diane Kerins.

Those absent: Susan Woythaler, Secretary; Richard Cambra, Liaison to the Town Council; Rod O'Hanley, Lisa Hansel, Carmela Geer.

1. Call to order:

- Chair, Linda Phelan called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

2. Review and approval of the June 27, 2011 minutes:

- A motion to approve with the noted corrections was made by Linda Phelan and seconded by Amy Cordeiro. The motion unanimously passed.

3. Review of Committee Reports:

- Student Management—Carmela Geer
 - No update.
- Performance Management—Diana Skaggs
 - Diana is working with Susan to coordinate the schedule of performances with the children's activities.
 - Possible Performers:
 - Island Players
 - Newport Children's Theater
 - Navy Band Ensemble
 - Swinglane Band
 - All Star Dance Academy
 - Skinny Millionaires
 - Tom Perrotti & Friends
 - MHS Choral Workshop (3 songs)
 - Michael Kerins & Billy Oatley (45 minutes)

- Participating Artists—Linda Phelan
 - New Applications from artists were discussed.
 - Those needing clarification are:
 - Newport Children’s Theater
 - Rosemary Day/Rodie Seagler (sculpture). These artists would prefer to display in a shared booth but not sell. Linda will find out if they are willing to donate a piece.
 - A motion to approve applications from the following artists was made by Linda Phelan and seconded by Diane Kerins. The motion unanimously passed.
 - Maher Center - Jewelry
 - Susana’s Gourmet Homemade Ice Cream has applied as an artist not a food vendor.
 - Bruce Vanisek, RI Nursery – Horticulture/plants
- Food Vendors—Amy Cordeiro
 - Vendors who have committed to participating:
 - Tito’s
 - Del’s Frozen Lemonade
 - Sig’s Deli - Sandwiches
 - Becky Hanos – Hot Dog Cart
 - Amy is seeking a bakery and a pizza vendor. She will contact Custom House Coffee, Eva Ruth’s and Gold’s.
- Venue Management—Linda Phelan
 - Newport Tent came back with an estimate near \$1,000.
 - Porta-potties will be delivered the day before the event.
 - Discussion on the venue was followed by a motion made by Linda and seconded by Diane Andrews to approve the following logistics. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Face painting will occur in the gazebo.
 - Children’s activities (drip castles, leave your impression, etc.) will occur under a canopy, on tables near the gazebo.
 - The community weaving will occur near the tree’s, opposite the gazebo.

- Demonstrations/workshops—Diane Kerins
 - Mary Anne McQuaid will demonstrate the creation of a floral arrangement.
 - Michelle Eckhart may demonstrate the creation of a mosaic.
 - Linda is pursuing a Tai Chi demonstration.
- Children’s Activities—Susan Woythaler
 - Possibilities so far:
 - Creative Movement w/ Revka
 - Jazz Workshop with Kelley
 - Hip Hop Workshop with Kelley
 - Drama Workshop with Tara
 - Percussion Session with Bob Madden
 - Craft Table
- Arts Surprises—Susan Woythaler
 - No update.
- Silent Auction—Diane Andrews
 - Received 3 more donations:
 - Island Carpet
 - Newport Chamber of Commerce
 - Petite Salon
- Sponsors—Amy Cordeiro
 - For a \$150.00 donation, we will display a T-sign thanking them.
 - No sponsors have been secured as of yet.
- Publicity & PR—Linda Phelan
 - A larger wooden sign will be posted at the intersection of Mitchells Lane and East Main Rd.
 - A wooden sign will be posted at the entrance to Oxbow Farms.
 - Calls have been made to have the Celebration posted on the MHS and Gaudet schools’ marquees. Awaiting responses.
 - Linda left a message for Matt Sheley at the Newport Daily News for a story focusing on the MHS Chorus Camp’s participation in the Celebration of the Arts. Diane Andrews spoke with him and he is excited about the story which he plans to run a week before the event. He is also willing to do another call for artists.
 - Lawn signs will be set out this weekend.

- Linda has secured air time with WADK. Diane Kerins will be interviewed.
- Rack cards are being distributed at multiple locations around town.

4. *Old Business:*

- None

5. *New Business:*

- None

6. *Next Meeting:*

- July 25, 2011 at the Middletown Public Library at 5:45PM.

7. *Adjourn Meeting*

- Chair, Linda Phelan adjourned the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Amy Lynn Cordeiro, Vice-Chairwoman